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¶1. (SBU) Charge convened a plenary meeting of the Law Enforcement Working Group (LEWG) on January 22. As nearly half the participants are resident in third countries, the agenda was introductions and a description of active law enforcement interests in Slovakia. Participants represented RSO, Pol-Econ, and PAO from Post, as well as representatives of the Departments of Justice, and Homeland Security listed in paragraph 2.

¶2. (SBU)

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¶3. (SBU) The working group also discussed how it might better address some of the negative trends we have observed, e.g., in the Slovak judiciary (reftel), through enhanced coordination and participation in seminars, trainings, and public events. To that end, we are working on a Mission-wide counter-corruption action plan, which we will forward to

Washington for review and comment. LEWG Bratislava will meet every 6-8 weeks or as called for by events.

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